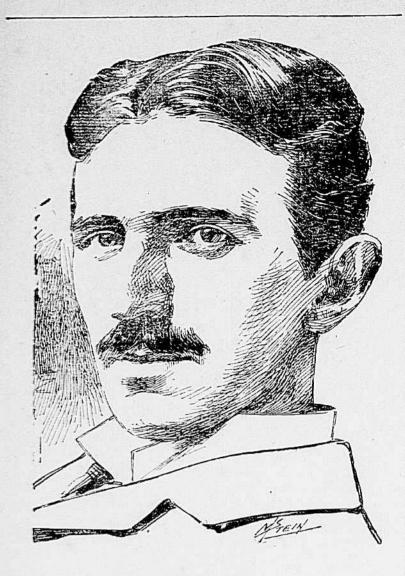
# NICOLA TESLA PROMISES COMMUNICATION WITH MARS.



NICOLA TESLA

There are thousands of people living in the world to-day who do not believe that the planet of Mars is inhabited. There are many others who do, and some of the leaders in science and foremost men in thought and invention are mem-

bers of this last-named class.

Nicola Tesla, the inventor of the wireless telegraphy, is one of these. Astronomers tell us that the planet Mars is several millions of years older than the
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eral millions of years older than the carih, and H. G. Wells, novelist, in one of his fantastic creations, has peopled this planet with a ract of strange creatures. One thing, however, stands to reason, and that is this: If Mars is inhabited those inhabitants are far in advance of us as regards sciences, both theoretical and applied. This is what Tesla thinks, and why he is of the opinion has just recently been made known.

He is convinced that the Martians are trying to communicate with us.

TESLA'S DREAM.

Says Julian Hawthorne:
"Apart from love and religion there happened the other day to Mr. Tesla the most momentous experience that has ever visited a human being on this earth. As he sat beside his instrument on the hillside in Colorado, in the deep silence of that austere, inspiring region, where you plant your feet in gold and your head brushes the constellations—as he sat there one evening, alone, his attention, exquisitively alive at that juncture, was arrested by a faint sound from the receiver—three fairy taps, one after the other, at a fixed interval. What man who has ever lived on this earth would not envy Tesla that moment! Never before since the globe first swung into form had that sound been heard. Those three not envy Tesla that moment! Never before since the globe first swung into form had that sound been heard. Those three soft impulses, reflected from the sensitive disc of the receiver, had not proceeded from any earthly source. The force which propelled them, the measure which regarded them, the significance they were meant to convey, had the stripe in the property of the sensitive is the sensitive in the property of the sensitive in the property of the sensitive in the sensitive sensitive in the sensitive sensiti

They were sent, those marvelous sig-They were sent, those marvelous signals, by a human being living and thinking so far away from us, both in space and in condition, that we can only accept him as a fact, not comprehend him as a phenomenon. Traveling with the speed of light, they must have been dispatched but a few moments before Tesla, in Colorado, received them. But they came from some Tesla on the planet Mars!

Mars!
"This was two years ago; it has just been made public. Thereupon all the tame beasts with long cars in the statame beasts with long cars in the stables of science begin waving those ears vigorously and braying forth indignant scoffs and denials. Yes, so has it ever been, and will be. How eagerly will every so-called son of science who has the power of absorbing, but not of assimilating or of creating, rush to trample under his hoofs the man of genius, imagination and wisdom who commits the crime of disclosing to them the means of their own uplifting and humanization. 'Charlatan—fraud—foot' jthey cry; jand fetch out their musty little books of statistics and logarithms to show why it istics and logarithms to show why it cannot be anything else but a humbug and delusion. Well, let us leave them trampling and braying, and consider for a moment what has occurred."

THE REAL QUESTION. The real question, however, is how will these interplanetary communications be conducted; what the medium to be employed; with such interplanetary com-munication as is proposed, electricity will doubtless be revealed as but the fractional aspect of a force possessing a vastly greater scope and power than have any of the phenomena of our experiments yet revealed to us. The energy of man's brain, if properly applied, may suffice to propogate waves of meaning from one end of the universe to the other, and science will unquestionably aid.

Nicola Tesia promises us communication

with our terrestrial neighors. How, when and where? remain to be seen.

## **NEWS OF PEOPLE AND THINGS** AWAY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

This Column Gives Glimpses Into the Real Life of Our European Friends.

### FLAGRANT GAMBLING ABROAD.

The English Language in Germany-Building a Railroad To Bokhara-The Historic Tiber Giving Trouble-Divorce in France.

Old Age Old age pensions, the question that was agitating England so decidy before the Beer War, have received an injectus from the recent action of Australia.

In New South Wales on Old Age Pension bill has been passed by the Legislative Assembly. In Victoria a similar bill has been cnacted, which provides a persion-seven shillings a week (\$1.25)—to every seven shillings a week (8.25)—10 every person over sixty-live years of age, and also to presons of any age who have been rendered permanently lit through unhealthy occupation.

The verdict which was innobers of this cab by the Bercents in Court has been quasted Club. by the German Supreme Court.

Court.

It will be remembered that it was decided that in order to support a charge of "gambling" the "desire of gain" must be present, and, therefore, the social leaders who had been arrested as professional gamblers were discharged.

The result of the new trial has been that a new trial was ordered and has now resulted in a verificial of sulliv against.

that a new trian was ordered and has how resulted in a verdict of guilty against. Herr von Kayser, Herr von Schlacht-meyer, and Herr Wolff, a man who is of an inferior zocial position to the other defendants and who sas all along been regarded as the chief culprit. Herr von Kayser and Herr von Schlachtmeyer were sentenced to terms of two and of three months, imprisonment respectively, which months' imprisonment respectively, which were regarded as having been served by the culprits during the time they had spent in prison awaiting their trial. Herr Wolff was sentenced to four months'

as an insult to the national conscience. It is scarcely to be hoped, says the National Liberal journal, that the morality of the section of society "Innocent Cub" restricted its mambers will be improved in consequence of the verdict which has now been passed; but pentags the fear of invaling to appear before a criminal court may not to some ex-

English The German English recently build dimself with the Prasslan schools, and, as a result, an edict of the guage. Emperor is published giving his Majex, seconsent to further reforms in the higher schools of Prassla. In view of the great importance of a knowledge of English his largesty lays stress on the necessity of giving more attention to that stablect in the gymnasia. English is to be taught as an anternative subject to Creek in all the symmasa. Inguisal is to be exact to an anternative subject to Greek in all the classes of those schools except the three highest; and where the local conditions are favorable to the aligneton English is to take the place of French as a compulsory subject in the three higher classes.

as a compulsory subject in the three higher classes.

Radicad building in Central Asia goes merrily on. The latest stroke of Russian diplomacy has been to con-Bokhara from the Central Asia Radiway. This line is to be paid by the Emir of Bokhara, who will probably learn some valuable lessons in high finance before he is through.

Reports from the English

had spent in prison awaiting their trial. Herr Wolff was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and to a fine of 3,000 marks (5,50,00.)

The National Zeitung recalls the sensation which was created by the first trial and the accompanying revelations of the frivolous and criminal life of certain sections of so-called "good" society, and that the first verdict was regarded in millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling, while for the years 183 to 1897 it averaged 32 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 27 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling. The German trace with Russia amounted to 30 millions pounds sterling with the 30 millions pounds sterling to 30 mill

trade for the year 1899 were nearly 42 millions pounds sterling, which shows good increase.

The British are more than ever paying heed to the "made-in-Germany" cry.

The Italian Government is Bank much perturbed over the covering in of a portion of the promenade known as the Lungotevere Anguillara, on the right bank of the Oridges, which subsided recently. Alarmed at the possible consequences of the subsidence, the authorities towards mid-

night orderer the evacuation of the houses in the immediate neighborhood. Next morning the whole stretch of the prome-nade, a quarter of a mile long, had disin the immediate neighborhood. Nextmorning the whole stretch of the promenade, a quarter of a mile long, had disappeared, with the pavement, lamp-posts,
and trees. Between the river and the
gulf thus created stood the massive embankment of solid masonry constructed
15 years ago to prevent the city from
inundation. Shortly before 11 A. M. the
mass broke up and fell into the stream.
The cause of the subsidence is, apparently, the imperfect character of the foundations of the embankment, which at
that point, where the river bends sharply, is exposed to the full shock of the current. Owing to the timely precautions of
the authorities no lives were lost, but
the damage is estimated at several million lire. Consternation prevails among
the municipal authorities, who fear lest
the entire Tiber embankment, which cost
some \$25,000,000, may have been seriously
undermined by the action of the water.

The Reichstag was occupied on Wednesday with the
debate on the first reading
ious of a toleration bill brought
Freedom in by the Center or Cierical
party. This bill seeks to secure complete religious freedom for all
German subjects. In agreement with its
provisions, religious bodies which are
recognized by any of the German Governments would be entitled to practice their
religion without let or hindrance throughout the whole Empire. All limitations
placed upon the dispensation of the Sacrament and upon religious propaganda by
the laws of particular States would be
abolished. Religious societies forders)
would not require to obtain special permission for their foundation or for the
exercise of their functions. This last
provision involves, of course, the repeal
of the law against the Jesuits.

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Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, declined to support the bill on the ground that it interfered with the Constitutional rights of some of the federated States. But he expressed the hope that all religious inequality would soon disappear.

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After a long discussion, in which representatives of all parties defined their attitude towards the bill, it was referred to a committee of twenty-eight members for further consideration.

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Cardinal Langenieux, of Rlieims, was recently fined two francs for refusing to obey an order of the Socialist Mayor, which prohibited religious processions on All-Saints' Day. The size of the fine shows what the sympathies of the court were.

Although it is too soon to ascertain full particulars with regard to the vintage in the different districts of France where wine is made, the Moniteur Vinicole is in a position to state that the total crop will fall little, if anything, short of 1.469-000,000 gallons, a figure which has been exceeded only three times in the century-namely, in 1865, 1869 and 1875. The total yield of the French vineyards last year was about 1,057,000,000 gallons.

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was about 1.657.690,000 gallons.

Prehistoric A few days since a laborer, who was excavating on land crose to the river at Walton-on-Thames, came, when 15 feet below the surface, upon what appeared to him to be the huge tusk of an animal. This has turned out to be the horn of a rhinoceros. It is 25 inches round the base, 26 inches long, and weighs 13 pounds. The horn, which is in good condition, is now in the possession of Mr. T. J. Rawlings, of Eldridges, Chertsey. It is velieved to be 3,500 years since the Thames Valley was denizened by the horned species of rhinoceros.

The law enabling women with legal diplomas to prac-

The law enabling women with legal diplomas to practise as barristers was promulgated on Tuesday, and on Wednesday there was an unprecedented spectagle at the Courts. Mme. Petit, daughter of M. Balachowski, of Kieff, and wife of a Paris barrister, presented herself to take the oath. She wore the robe, but one rather more elegant than a man's, and with a girdle at the waist; and she held the barrister's cap in her hand. Her husband escorted her to the bench allotted to applicants for admission to the Bar, and she was sworn in. She has still to go she was sworn in. She has still to go through another formality-namely, admission to the Bar of Paris or of any mission to the Bar of Paris or of any Other place where she may wish to practise; but it is not supposed that the power of arbitrary exclusion will be exercised egainst her.

#### Celebrate Marshall Day.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which was scheduled to convene here on February 5th, will not meet until the 7th, in order that the judges and lawyers may participate in the Marshall Day celebration on the fourth of the month.

#### Many Cases of Grip.

It is estimated that there are fully five hundred cases of grip in Richmond. The disease is of a somewhat milder form

Mrs. Benjamin B. Valentine, No. 101 South Third Street, entertained at cards Friday evening in honor of Misses Hil-lard and Bowdoin. of Norfolk, who are the guests of Miss Marianne Meade.

#### CLEANING-UP SALE.

You don't often hear of one in the Piano line, but we have so many Upright Pianos that have been taken in exchange as that have been taken in exchange as part pay on new ones that we have decided to clean up with a quick sale this week. All will be sold at great Bargain prices, and will not be unsold long. Along with them are some slightly used planos, as good as new, that have been out on rental. These are opportunities for you. Come and look them over. WALTER D. MOSES & CO., 103 E. Broad Street.

We refer to the CLEANING UP SALE of Planes this week. Some are better than officers, but all are good. You can save money and secure a real bargain. WAJ/TER D. MOSES & CO., 163 E. Broad

### THE PIANOLA.

If you have never heard a Pianola, call in and be convinced: 1st. That anyone can play it. 2d. That it is not mechanical. 3d. That you can give all the expression you desire, and 4th. That the eighty or more persons in this city who have bought them are as delighted to-day as they were when they first purchased them. We are always elight to show and them. We are always glad to show and play them. WALTER D. MOSES & CO.

#### THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

If you wish to get the most pleasure out of a piano, buy one that stands for !! that is honest in piano building. In all that is honest in piano building. In the Steinway, Knabe, Hardman, Kimball, Standard and Haines, you secure the very best, and when you do this, the end will prove your wisdom. We are sole agents. WALTER D. MOSES & CO., 103 D. Broad Street.

# LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Will Not Get Down to Work Until Aycock is Seated.

PLAN FOR HIS INAUGURATION.

A Large Escort Will Accompany Him from Goldsboro to Raleigh. Move For a State Reformatory.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12.—The General
Assembly will hardly get down to regu-lar work until after the inauguration. The Senate Committees were not announced until yesterday, and the Speaker has not read out the committees for the House. He expects to make them public

Monday.

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Monday.

Leaders in both branches of the Assembly say that downright, hard work will be taken up just as soon as the new State officials are installed in office Tuesday.

AYCOCK'S COMING.

While the general programme for the inauguration of Governor-elect Aycock and other State officers has not been completed, the work by the committes has so far advanced that a general outline can be announced. The legislative and local committee named as an escort for Governor Aycock will go down to Goldsboro Monday afternoon and return with the Governor-elect and party Tuesday morning on the train arriving here at 8:40 o'clock. They will be accompanied by two Goldsboro military companies and by the Goldsboro Brass Band.

A GRAND RECEPTION.

At the depot the Governor's party will be met by the Citizens' General Reception Committee with carriages and driven to the Governor's Mansion, where breakfast will be served and a formal reception held until 11 o'clock, the State officerselect constituting the receiving party.

At 11 o'clock the party will proceed to Yarbrough Hotel, and proceed thence with the civic and military procession to the place of inauguration, which, the weather permitting, will be on an improvised platform on the east side of the Capitel.

OATH OF OFFICE.

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The eath of office will be administerd by Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme

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It is certain that not less than one thousand men will be in the military parade. It is estimated that from present indications there will, with fair weather conditions, be not less than ten thousand visitors in the city.

A large number of the members of the General Assembly attended a meeting of the North Carolina Reformatory Association last night, during which there was a

the North Carolina Reformatory Association last night, during which there was a general discussion of the prospects for securing, during this session, legislation providing for the establishment of such an institution. It is believed that public sentiment is so strong for its establishment that there will be almost a unanimous vote for such a bill when it comes up in the Assembly.

GERMAN IMMIGRANTS.

The German-American State Land Com-

The German-American State Land Company was incorporated by the Secretary of State yesterday with a capital of \$200,000. Its special object is to sell lands to immigrants. The principal stockholders are in Raleigh and Newbern. Adolph Kolischen, who recently came to this State from Germany, is the manager of the new company. They are empowered to buy and sell all kinds of farming, timber and mineral lands and conduct a real es tate agency. It is expected that the com-pany will give quite an impetus to the influx of immigrants as citizens.

# REAL TRUE COCK AND BULL STORY

The Cock Rode the "Owl" Car for Several Trips While the Bull

Navigated James River-

A bull-calf, belonging to Mr. James grazing in a field on the river, near the Bay Line Wharf, on yesterday afternoon in some manner fell overboard and swam down the river a distance of about a half a mile. It became completely exhausted from its new adventure and was in the act of being drowned when he was rescued by several sailors from a schooner which

act of being drowned when he was rescued by several sailors from a schooner which was anchored in the river.

The sailors carried the calf ashore and rolled him over a barrel, in order to revive him if possible, and after half an hour of hard work they finally succeeded in resuscitating him. The calf gathered about five gallons of water in his trip down the river, which was gotten out of him by the rolling on the barrel.

He was afterwards taken back up the field, where the other cows were grazing, and was soon relating his experience to his mother and the other cows.

A real live chicken was a passenger on the all-night, or "owl car," on the Main Street line one night this week for six trips of that car. How that chicken became a passenger is a strange story.

In the early part of the night the night-watchman at the Casino discovered a number of stray chickens roosting in the building and drove them out. Among them was the rooster that afterwards became the passenger on the car.

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when driven from the car.

When driven from the Casino the rooster sought refuge under the car, which was standing near, while the crew were in their little watch-box eating lunch. The rooster passed under the car and perched himself upon a piece that projected several inches out from the rear truck and soon fell to sleep.

The car continued on its journey through Fulton for a number of trips, and met with an acident and had to be taken into the sheds. Another car was substituted, but the rooster remained on the disabled car until next morning, when

disabled car until next morning, when Car Inspector Harlowe was disturbed from his duties of inspecting the cars by several faint crows of a rooster, and was at a loss to account for the noise in the

ar-shed.

He called several of the hands, and after a search found a live rooster perched inderneath the car. The fowl was held

pending an investigation.

The mystery was not solved until several days later, when a resident of the West-End stated that a rooster belonging to him had been missing for several days and was told there was a rooster at the car-sheds awaiting identification, and he claimed his property.

#### Delay in the Hearing.

The case of James D. Patton and Com-pany against the Government, involving the constitutionality of the "war tax," wil probably not be heard for about a year.
While the suit is really against the Government, it had to be brought against the late Col. James D. Brady, as collector of internal revenue. He having died, is will be necessary to reinstitute the pro-

#### Smallpox is Epidem'c.

Sinalipox is Epittem'C.

There are many cases of smallpox in Virginia. Dr. Paulus A. Irving, secretary of the State Board of Health, says the disease is of a very mild form.

Every precaution is being taken by Dr. Oppenhimer and the other health authorities to keen the Alksease out of Bildermond. ties to keep the disease out of Richmond.

"CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN AND BOYS."

# The Gans-Rady Company

will, beginning to-morrow, inaugurate a

# MID-SEASON SALE OF MEN'S HATS

and offer

Every Soft and Stiff Hat in the House

at the following reductions:

Hats that were \$4.00 reduced to \$2.90. Hats that were \$3.00 reduced to \$2.15. Hats that were \$2.50 reduced to \$1.85. Hats that were \$2.00 reduced to \$1.35. Hats that were \$1.70 reduced to \$1.15.

Entire Building. 1005 East Main Street. Opposite Postoffice.

# THE COUNTRY EDITOR TALKS ON MANY PLEASING SUBJECTS

Discusses All the Current Subjects, from Neighborhood Jokes to the International Affairs of the World.

## MONARCH OF ALL HE SURVEYS

Old Santa Claus brought us some ex-cellent thewing tobacco last week, for which we are profoundly thankful.— Ridgeway Journal.

during the twentleth century promise to be much better than that of the individual

May the blanket journals and the blanket ballots depart into "innocuous desuetude" and become relics of 19th entury barbarism.—Pulaski News Re-It is the duty of every citzen to take

It is the duty of every citizen to take sufficient interest in politics to give him information enough to enable him to cast an intelligent vote. But there is no reason in the world why he should get angry with those of his fellow-citizens who differ with him about political matters.—Spirit of The Valley.

'Possum hunting will never become one of the lost arts until the nature of the "coon" is changed.—Virginia Citizen.

Some utterly smart young fellow smeared axle grease all over "Reddie" Canaday's saddle, Christmas Eve. "Red-die" has on his war paint looking for 'em.—Floyd Times.

drawing salary and wages from the City

drawing salary and wages from the City Treasury.

These men and women are employed in the various departments, either as heads or subordinates. With this large number of employes it is not surprising to know that of necessity a large amount of money must be distributed annually. It takes a big force of people to do the work entailed by a community the size of Richmond, and it is thought that in some departments an increase in the size of the force would redeund to the credit of the city. This is notably true in the police and street departments.

The number of people employed to help conduct the affairs of the city, aside from those who draw their money directly from the city, is about 50.

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These people are employed in the Treasurer's office, the Collector's office and in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue and at the jail, besides several scattering itroughout the other departments and in the court clerks' offices. The number of such employes varies.

The Department of Public Instruction heads the list in the number employed, the total, including the superintendent and the janitors, being 275.

The heads of departments, including the Mayor and the Treasurer, the Chief of Police, the judges of the various courts, etc., number 28.

The number of men employed in the Gas Department, including the workmen at the gas-thouse, is 101; in the Water Department, 44.

In the City Engineer's department, including street hands, sewer men, park-

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in the City Engineer's department, including street hands, sewer men, park-keepers, etc., 14k Health Department, including street force, crematory hands, physicians to poor, Board of Health, etc.,

At the almshouse and in the Depart-

At the almshouse and in the Department of Outdoor Poor and the Cemetery Department are 42.

The Police Department embraces 108 men, including the Chief and the physician, and the Fire Department, 136, including the Chief and this assistant.

THE LIST SUMMARIZED.

Summarized, the list is as follows:

ARMY EMPLOYED BY

More than One Thousand Persons Earning a

Livelihood by Working For This City.

MUCH MONEY PAID ANNUALLY.

There are few people in the city of Richmond who know or realize that over a thousand people working in the various departments of the city government are Health Department.

CITY GOVERNMENT

the gratitude of the man with toothache behind the gun.-Halifax Record Adver-

We hope that it will be easier to borrow money and harder to borrow trouble in this century than it was in the last.— Blue Ridge Gazette The season of "Peace on earth; good will to men" brought the usual crop of awful tragedles. The murderless Christ-mas is not yet in sight.—Stuart Enter-

We are sorry to loose Mayor Lee from our subscription rolls. He ordered his paper discontinued. This is the first loss we have sustained and it is a bitter pill, but we added 43 to take his place last week, thus turning the pill into pie.—

Buena Vista Advocate.

Among important questions to be considered by the General Assembly of Virginia when it meets in this month, should be how to improve the public schools of the State. Short terms and small salaries mean that we must depend largely upon young girls for teachers. As fast as these young ladies are trained and about the time they become efficient 'em.—Floyd Times. \_\_\_\_ teachers, they get married and the same work has to be gone over again.—Clinch Valley Virginian.

Almshouse and Cemeteries.....

Fire ...... 136

This total, in addition to the half hundred who do not draw their salaries from the City Treasury, comprises the army of people necessary to keep the wheels of the city government turning.

The amount of money necessary to pay this army is large. The salary list is a small part of the amount, the main portion coming our from the appropriations.

tion coming out from the appropriations made by the various committees of the Council in the budget. The figures for last year were:

The pay-roll of the various departments

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The pay-roll of the various departments for last year:

 Charities
 \$ 8,280,00

 Cemeteries: Oakwood
 2,970,00

 Riverview
 1,700,00

 Shockoe Hill
 1,000,00

the money appropriated to pay interest on the debt, redemption, appropriations and various charitable institutions, expense ac-counts, insurance, elections, etc. The total amount appropriated was \$1,500,655.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 12.—The Leading
Racket Store, an incorporated company,
composed of G. M. Moffitt, Alpheus Moffitt

and J. R. Lambert, went into the hands of a receiver yesterday morning, but was not known until this morning, when Re-ceiver V. Ballard took charge of the

Police ......

Fire Alarm
Gas Works
Grounds and Bulldings

Health Department ...
Streets ...
Water Department ...
Salaried Officers ...

Walker to Inspect Ballots.

the assets are something like seventeen thousand. The firm has been doing a large cash business for several years, and their failure is a surprise to the people

NEWPORT NEWS POLICE CHIEF.

Another Legal Action In Which Rich-

mond Lawyers Take a Hand.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NEWFORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 12.—Judge
T. J. Barham, of the Corporation Court,
and S. J. Harwood, chief of police, were

to-day served with notice that Messrs, Meredith and Sands, of Richmond, would, on January 17th, at 11:30 o'clock, apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition in behalf of Mayor Moss, the New-

port News Police Board and Captain T. A. Johnson, the other chief of police, to restrain the Corporation Court from inter-

fering between the board and Harwood, and to compel Judge Barham to dissolve the injunctions he has granted, restrain-ing the board from interfering with the

Chief.

The writ will also ask that Jodge Bar-ham and his court be restrained from taking any cognizance of the case or the appeal of the Chief from the decision of the board to the Corporation Court, it being claimed that the Corporation Court is without jurisdiction.

Indee Barham today crayled a charter

Judge Barham to-day granted a charter to the Newport News Ladder Company, which will build a factory here for the manufacture of a new folding ladder, J. R. Curry is president. The capital is \$50,000, half of which is paid in.

Chief.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
(BRISTOL, TENN., January 12.—
The petition of General James A.
Walker's counsel to open and inspect the
ballots of the November election in Eristol. Va., was to-day granted by Judge Stuart, of the Corporation Court, who also granted each side in the contest case permission to have a copy of the official ballot used in Bristol.

The taking of depositions in the case

was adjourned over until Monday,

His Legs Cut Off.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LYNCHBURG. VA., Jan. 12.—W. W.
Sublett, a brakeman of the Chesapeake
and Ohio road, was run over here tonight and both of his legs were cut off. treat. His condition is desperate

#### FOOT OF A BEAVER.

Contents of Box Found On Main Street Explained.

The object picked up by a colored wo-man in a box on Main Street the other man in a box on Main Street the other night, which was at first thought to have been the hand of a colored infant, turns out to have been the foot of the beaver which was trapped not long since by Mr. T. Peter Howle, near the pump-house. Mr. Howle, when seen at his store, No. 217 Reservoir Street, last night, said he put the animal's foot in a box and dropped it on Main Street just to have a little fun, thinking whoever picked it up little fun, thinking whoever picked it up would mistake it for a baby's hand, so much did it resemble one. Mr. Howle enjoyed the joke very much, and thinks he will set his beaver trap again.

Mr. Hughes' Condition. The condition of Mr. W. Clifton Hughes was reported as worse last night. He was

gradually sinking. It was feared he would not live through the night.

#### THE NAVAL STATION.

Condemnation Proceeding May Be Necessary to Secure Site. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Long

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Long concurs in the recommendation of the Naval Board submitted yesterday for the transfer of the South Atlantic Naval Station from Port Royal to Charleston, S. C., and arrangements will now proceed for carrying out of the transfer.

Already there is available \$227,000 for the general purposes of the station, and of this not to exceed \$160,000 can be used in the purchase of the site.

There is a question whether the purchase price of the site selected can be brought within the \$100,000. That portion within Chicora Park can be had at the Government price, but the private land adjoining is held at \$00,000, and the naval board recommends a price which will agbe bought at a reasonable flaure, the Government will resort to condemnation proceedings.

proceedings.

The purpose is to acquire also certain The purpose is to acquire also certain marsh land as well as a marsh frontage on the opposite side of the Cooper River, which will give the Government the advantage of all the approaches. This marsh land is owned by the State, and probably will be given free of cost to the Government.

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